

KDND-FM HD2

Quarterly Programs & Issues Report

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**KDND-FM HD2
Saturdays, 6:00A-6:30A**

Description

Host: Kat Maudru

Locally produced news and public affairs magazine show featuring in-depth interviews, investigative reports, documentaries and feature stories on news events and issues of significance to the Sacramento area.

PUBLIC FILE
ASCERTAINED COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. **EDUCATION**, including the quality of public education; school busing; white flight; bilingual education; school violence; and the quality of college and adult education.
2. **ECONOMY**, including inflation; economic development; economic opportunity; welfare; unemployment; job training; labor relations; and consumer issues.
3. **GOVERNMENT**, including government spending; the provision of government services; taxes; general political debate by officials and candidates.
4. **HEALTH**, including quality of medical facilities; national health programs; nutrition; physical fitness; mental health; preventative health care; and medical malpractice.
5. **ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION**, including natural disasters; pollution (especially air and water); the water crisis; and the effects of urban sprawl.
6. **MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**, including discrimination and other problems of racial minorities; women and senior citizens; the handicapped; homosexuals; and religious ethnic groups.
7. **CRIME**, including increasing crime rate; youth and gang crime; police-community relations; gun control; law enforcement; the criminal justice system; and the prison system, reform and rehabilitation.
8. **DRUG ABUSE**, including the increase in use and abuse of drugs and alcohol; rehabilitation programs; drunk driving; and the need for greater education.
9. **HOUSING**, including rental restrictions; rent control; lack of low and middle housing; landlord / tenant relations; historical preservation; and mortgage rates.
10. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

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Date: September 11, 2011

Description: Cryotherapy is localized or whole-body exposure to cold temperatures to decrease inflammation, pain and spasms, and promote healing. Widely used in training and wellness centers, and spa-like settings in Europe, the treatment has not been readily available in the U.S. until now. The goal of cryotherapy treatment is to offer you better health and a faster recovery from injury. The cryotherapy process decreases cellular metabolism, increases cellular survival, decreases inflammation, decreases pain and spasm, and promotes vasoconstriction and vasodilation which leads to increased levels of oxygenated blood delivered to damaged tissue. In the cold temperatures, the blood vessels quickly constrict forming a protective layer while the core body temperature is maintained. The process naturally stimulates blood circulation as the body's hormone, immune, and nervous systems are activated. Benefits of cryotherapy treatment have been widely publicized. Athletes using the treatments report substantial decreased time for muscle stress recovery. The immediate effect lasts for minutes to hours, and the release of endorphins can have a lasting effect. Beyond the clinical benefits of cold therapy, users generally report the experience as invigorating with improvements in a variety of conditions such as psychological stress, increased energy, improved sleep, and relief from muscle and joint pain.

Issue: **Plastic Surgery – Frequently Asked Questions**
Program: Public File
Date: September 18, 2011

Description: By choosing a plastic surgeon who is certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc., you can be assured that the doctor has: graduated from an accredited medical school, completed at least five years of additional training as a resident surgeon (including a minimum three-year residency in an accredited general surgery program and a minimum two-year residency in plastic surgery). To become certified, the doctor then must successfully complete comprehensive written and oral exams. Board Certification is a voluntary process. There are doctors who advertise 'board certified' on their website but do not say in what. Some may be misleading and may very well have a certification in pathology, and not plastic surgery or dermatology. Get to know what to look for, what credentials your surgeon has and verify them. The important thing is to find an ethical and qualified surgeon to do the job and to have good communication with this surgeon.

CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TRANSPORTATION

Issue: **Summer Pet Health**
Program: Public File
Date: July 17, 2011

Description: Spending time outside with our four-legged friends is important, but pet parents should be aware of all the health risks the great outdoors can pose. Some common issues pet parents need to be aware of during the summer months include parasites, high temperatures and possible risks associated with lawn and garden products. Prevention is the key. Pet owners can avoid many issues that arise during the warm summer months if they take the proper precautions. It's the height of flea, tick and mosquito season for America's 140 million pet dogs and cats. These parasites are more than a nuisance to pets; they can pose serious health risks including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and flea allergy dermatitis, among other flea, tick and mosquito transmitted diseases. It doesn't need to reach record breaking temperatures for an owner to ensure a pet's comfort and safety. Pets can run into the same warm weather irritations and dangers as humans – from overheating to sunburn. Lawn maintenance and gardening are popular summer activities which often consist of spraying for weeds and bugs. Pet parents need to read and follow all safety instructions when working with lawn and garden products. They also need to exercise caution when their pet is romping around outside and avoid recently treated areas to keep pets from ingesting potentially harmful materials.

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10. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION

Issue: **Education for Underprivileged Kids**
Program: Public File
Date: July 10, 2011

Description: The FUTURE Foundation of Sacramento provides volunteer mentoring and scholarship funding to local underprivileged students in support of their college education. Unique to the FUTURE Foundation program, students are selected at the end of their freshman year of high school to enter into a college scholarship agreement. In addition to providing each student a multi-year college scholarship, the FUTURE Foundation provides eight years of guidance through mentoring. Mentors support students during their final remaining three years in high school as the students prepare to attend college. In order to optimize the changes that College Program students will graduate from college, the mentor will continue to be available while the student attends college to answer life's tough questions, motivate, encourage and guide the student toward graduation. The quality and longevity of the mentoring relationship is the key to success. The FUTURE Foundation of Sacramento seeks students who show significant potential but lack the financial ability to pay for their college education. In most cases, we expect that the selected student will be the first in their family to attend college and, as such, may not have been exposed to college as an option for their future. Note: It is not the mission of the Foundation to attempt to rehabilitate teens who have habitual trouble with the law, gangs, drugs or with their academic performance and commitment. The ultimate goal is for all FUTURE students to earn a college degree.

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Issue: **Local Arts Programs for Kids**
Program: Public File
Date: August 21, 2011

Description: Chalk-It-Up! sponsors grants and scholarships for youth art programs in all disciplines throughout the Sacramento region. Chalk-It-Up! to Sacramento is a 501c3 charitable organization created to benefit children's arts education programs. They raise money through various events including their annual Art & Music Festival which features over 200 sidewalk paintings created by local artists who donate their time, energy and talent. These concrete masterpieces are left on the sidewalk for public to enjoy throughout the month of September as the elements take their toll. The pieces are done with soft chalk pastel mixed with water. The three-day festival raises money to benefit children's art education and draws tens of thousands of visitors to downtown Sacramento. Each day during the festival local bands, musicians, and other performers entertain the artists and the public throughout the day. These performers donate their time for this festival. Since the aim of Chalk-It-Up! is to encourage children's arts programs, all children activities at the festival are free. These include chalk drawing and a variety of other art activities.

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Issue: **Fundraising for Local AIDS/HIV Organizations**
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Date: August 28, 2011

Description: In 1996, Sacramento was added to the short list of communities nationwide, recognized by the federal government as being devastated by AIDS. Sacramento County Health officials conservatively estimate that more than 4,000 people are infected with HIV in Sacramento. Already 2,000 have lost their lives to AIDS, with more than 2,500 confirmed cases of AIDS being reported in the Capital City area. HIV/AIDS affects many families, parents and children. Most of the people affected by HIV/AIDS are low income and have no medical benefits, are at risk of homelessness, need assistance with food and transportation and need social support. In response, the Sacramento Valley AIDS Run/Walk was born. Twelve non-profit AIDS service agencies from Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, Butte, Yuba, Nevada and Alpine counties receive funds from the walk. In 2010, SVARW raised over \$110,000 in walker/runner donations, over \$50,000 in cash sponsorships, and \$70,000 worth of in-kind sponsors.

Issue: **Heart Health**
Program: Public File
Date: September 4, 2011

Description: The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization working to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. These diseases, the Nation's #1 and #3 killers, claim more than 865,000 American lives each year. Someone dies from CVD every 38 seconds. Heart disease also kills more women than all forms of cancer combined. And congenital cardiovascular defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects. Their AHA's lifesaving work is funded by events such as Start! Heart Walks, Heart Balls, Go Red For Women Luncheons, Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart. At the 2011 Sacramento Heart Walk, the American Heart Association will recognize individuals who have made positive changes to improve their quality of life and health. Funds raised at the event go toward: putting up-to-the-minute research into doctors' hands so they can better prevent and treat heart disease among patients, groundbreaking pediatric heart and stroke research – about 36,000 babies are born with heart defects each year – research is the key to saving babies' lives, and getting life-saving information to those who need it most – information that can save a life, like how to eat better, how to recognize the warning signs of heart attack, and how to talk to a doctor about critical health choices.

Issue: **Camp for Cancer Patients**
Program: Public File
Date: September 11, 2011

Description: The Me-One Foundation is a non-profit corporation created to provide adult cancer patients and their families with an environment where they can be allowed to embrace life without cancer as the first and foremost thought of their every waking moment. The Me-One Foundation will provide families with activities and events to promote courage, hope, laughter, and enjoyment through Camp Challenge. Camp Challenge is a no-cost camp for families afflicted by cancer and in need of a place of joy and relaxation that will focus them on living life, and not fighting disease. By providing this haven of hope, they allow families to be victorious, even if temporarily, over cancer, and keeping life's scoreboard at Cancer-Zero; Me-One.

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Issue: **Prostate Cancer**
Program: Public File
Date: September 25, 2011

Description: The month of September is designated as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month throughout the United States. In 2010, 217,000 men were diagnosed with the disease and 32,000 died from it. The earlier prostate cancer is detected, the better the chance of successful treatment and survival. Urologists recommend all men have a digital rectal exam every year, starting at age 40, and a PSA test every year if they are over the age of 40 with a family history of prostate cancer, over the age of 50 with no history of prostate cancer or over the age of 40 and African-American. Prostate cancer affects one out of six men. Some things that can help prevent it are eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, getting regular exercise, and getting screened. The ultimate goal of prostate cancer prevention strategies is to prevent men from developing the disease. Unfortunately, despite significant progress in research over the past 18 years, this goal has not yet been achieved. Both genetic and environmental risk factors for prostate cancer have been identified, but the evidence is not yet strong enough to be helpful to men currently at risk for developing prostate cancer.

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Program: Public File
Date: August 7, 2011

Description: The mission of the non-profit Monterey Bay Aquarium is to inspire conservation of the oceans. In June 2004 the Aquarium created the Center for the Future of the Oceans to inspire action for conservation of the oceans. Through the Center, they aim to empower individuals, influence policy and contribute to the protection of the oceans for future generations. They are focusing on four key areas that build on current efforts and offer new ways to assure a future with healthy oceans: Marine protected areas, ocean policy reform, sustainable seafood and protecting wildlife and marine ecosystems. Teen Conservation Leaders (TCLs) provide important volunteer service to the Aquarium, their guests and their communities. Students learn basic marine biology and ocean conservation during a fun, intensive two-week summer training. TCL volunteers then provide exhibit interpretation for guests, support summer camp programs or assist at teacher institutes. In the process, students develop important job and life skills, build self-confidence and earn community service hours. Regular conservation experiences connect students with local scientists and ocean conservation experts.

Issue: **Local Arts Programs for Kids**
Program: Public File
Date: August 21, 2011

Description: Chalk-It-Up! sponsors grants and scholarships for youth art programs in all disciplines throughout the Sacramento region. Chalk-It-Up! to Sacramento is a 501c3 charitable organization created to benefit children's arts education programs. They raise money through various events including their annual Art & Music Festival which features over 200 sidewalk paintings created by local artists who donate their time, energy and talent. These concrete masterpieces are left on the sidewalk for public to enjoy throughout the month of September as the elements take their toll. The pieces are done with soft chalk pastel mixed with water. The three-day festival raises money to benefit children's art education and draws tens of thousands of visitors to downtown Sacramento. Each day during the festival local bands, musicians, and other performers entertain the artists and the public throughout the day. These performers donate their time for this festival. Since the aim of Chalk-It-Up! is to encourage children's arts programs, all children activities at the festival are free. These include chalk drawing and a variety of other art activities.

CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Fundraising for Local AIDS/HIV Organizations**
Program: Public File
Date: August 28, 2011

Description: In 1996, Sacramento was added to the short list of communities nationwide, recognized by the federal government as being devastated by AIDS. Sacramento County Health officials conservatively estimate that more than 4,000 people are infected with HIV in Sacramento. Already 2,000 have lost their lives to AIDS, with more than 2,500 confirmed cases of AIDS being reported in the Capital City area. HIV/AIDS affects many families, parents and children. Most of the people affected by HIV/AIDS are low income and have no medical benefits, are at risk of homelessness, need assistance with food and transportation and need social support. In response, the Sacramento Valley AIDS Run/Walk was born. Twelve non-profit AIDS service agencies from Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, Butte, Yuba, Nevada and Alpine counties receive funds from the walk. In 2010, SVARW raised over \$110,000 in walker/runner donations, over \$50,000 in cash sponsorships, and \$70,000 worth of in-kind sponsors.

Issue: **Heart Health**
Program: Public File
Date: September 4, 2011

Description: The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization working to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. These diseases, the Nation's #1 and #3 killers, claim more than 865,000 American lives each year. Someone dies from CVD every 38 seconds. Heart disease also kills more women than all forms of cancer combined. And congenital cardiovascular defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects. Their AHA's lifesaving work is funded by events such as Start! Heart Walks, Heart Balls, Go Red For Women Luncheons, Jump Rope For Heart and Hoops For Heart. At the 2011 Sacramento Heart Walk, the American Heart Association will recognize individuals who have made positive changes to improve their quality of life and health. Funds raised at the event go toward: putting up-to-the-minute research into doctors' hands so they can better prevent and treat heart disease among patients, groundbreaking pediatric heart and stroke research – about 36,000 babies are born with heart defects each year – research is the key to saving babies' lives, and getting life-saving information to those who need it most – information that can save a life, like how to eat better, how to recognize the warning signs of heart attack, and how to talk to a doctor about critical health choices.

Issue: **Camp for Cancer Patients**
Program: Public File
Date: September 11, 2011

Description: The Me-One Foundation is a non-profit corporation created to provide adult cancer patients and their families with an environment where they can be allowed to embrace life without cancer as the first and foremost thought of their every waking moment. The Me-One Foundation will provide families with activities and events to promote courage, hope, laughter, and enjoyment through Camp Challenge. Camp Challenge is a no-cost camp for families afflicted by cancer and in need of a place of joy and relaxation that will focus them on living life, and not fighting disease. By providing this haven of hope, they allow families to be victorious, even if temporarily, over cancer, and keeping life's scoreboard at Cancer-Zero; Me-One.

CATEGORY: YOUTH & FAMILY (Cont'd)

Issue: **Women's Health**
Program: Public File
Date: September 18, 2011

Description: "Care Begins With Me" is fast becoming the premier health and lifestyle expo for women in the Sacramento region. It is an evening that is attended by nearly 1,000 women who gather to be inspired and take in enlightening presentations on health and fitness while gaining valuable information from a range of experts. Embarking on its fourth year, Mercy's Care Begins With Me Health & Lifestyle Expo will bring together mothers, sisters, entrepreneurs, business-women, home-makers, single women, married women – All Women! The Keynote speaker will be Biggest Loser contestant Abby Rick who in 2006, lost her husband, 5 ½ year old daughter, and 2 ½ week old son in a fatal car crash. Deciding there was more living to do in this life, in May of 2009, Abby embarked on a very public journey of healing and wellness when she went on NBC's hit reality series "The Biggest Loser." Abby began her journey on the show weighing 247 lbs and eventually lost 100 pounds. She continues her healthy lifestyle and vigor for life and is a living example that even in your darkest hour, there is always hope.

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Every day, faculty members at schools and universities throughout the world are making discoveries that shape our ways of thinking and redefine our understanding of today's knowledge-driven society. Since 1990, The Best of Our Knowledge has highlighted breakthroughs across disciplines and across the globe, putting you in touch with the men and women at the front of their fields. Each week, co-host Dr. Karen R. Hitchcock examines some of the issues unique to college campuses, looks at the latest research, and invites commentary from experts and administrators from all levels of education.

Glenn Busby, co-host and producer of Best of Our Knowledge, has made a special commitment to report on important developments in educational research. The fact is, at every college and university there is a great deal of research being conducted which could potentially have a dramatic impact on the ways in which we educate our students, from the lower grades right through graduate school. Unfortunately, all too often the results of that research are relegated to a shelf somewhere, or are only seen by the small number of people who actually read the scholarly journals. There is no question that the work is being done – the problem is, once it's done, the people in a position to benefit from it most haven't gotten a chance to hear about it.

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1. **EDUCATION**, including the quality of public education; school busing; white flight; bilingual education; school violence; and the quality of college and adult education.
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4. **HEALTH**, including quality of medical facilities; national health programs; nutrition; physical fitness; mental health; preventative health care; and medical malpractice.
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6. **MINORITIES, WOMEN & AGING**, including discrimination and other problems of racial minorities; women and senior citizens; the handicapped; homosexuals; and religious ethnic groups.
7. **CRIME**, including increasing crime rate; youth and gang crime; police-community relations; gun control; law enforcement; the criminal justice system; and the prison system, reform and rehabilitation.
8. **DRUG ABUSE**, including the increase in use and abuse of drugs and alcohol; rehabilitation programs; drunk driving; and the need for greater education.
9. **HOUSING**, including rental restrictions; rent control; lack of low and middle housing; landlord / tenant relations; historical preservation; and mortgage rates.
10. **YOUTH & FAMILY**, including issues regarding marriage; the changing role of the family; parenting; child rearing; and abuse.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION

Issue: **New Autism Survey Yields Higher Autism Numbers**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 3, 2011

Description: You may have heard about a recent study done in South Korea. It suggests that about 1 in 38 children have autism traits... higher than previous U.S. estimates. We wondered how this could be? Well, researchers expected to find a higher rate of autism characteristics, because they focused in on mainstream children. They believe autism often goes undiagnosed in many nations. U.S. estimates are based on education and medical records... not the more time-consuming type of survey conducted in South Korea. The new study was published in the "American Journal of Psychiatry." The group Autism Speaks helped pay for that study.

Issue: **Autism in Higher Education**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 3, 2011

Description: Regardless of what figures one uses... the numbers of people with autism and Asperger's Syndrome continues to rise. And that means more students with those indicators are heading off to college. The growth is large enough that it's creating a demand for better services on campuses to help students graduate and find employment.

TBOOK gets this report from Colorado State University, one of the latest schools to adopt a transition program.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Manipulating Atoms**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 3, 2011

Description: Which brings us to this week's Academic Minute professor, who explains how the ability to manipulate atoms and create new materials, is at the heart of his field, and humanity's technological future.

Dr. Robert Geer is Vice President, Academic Affairs, College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, University at Albany, SUNY. He's also a professor of Nanoscale Science.

Issue: **iPads Enter Preschool & Kindergarten Classes**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 10, 2011

Description: That's probably a headline you may have thought you'd never see. iPads going into the Pre-K market.

According to recent reports in "Education Week's" Digital Directions, dozens of preschool and kindergarten teachers are adding iPads to their classrooms in an effort to hook young learners with the newest technology.

The report indicates that primary students in several Chicago-area schools introduced the touch-screen tablets this year. School officials defended their cost, by citing how intuitive they are for 3, 4, and 5 year olds raised in this era of technology. Indeed, younger students are now widely referred to as "digital natives."

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Student Monitor: Survey Shows Print Still Mainstream**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 10, 2011

Description: In related news, a new survey from "Student Monitor" considers printed textbooks versus computing tablets, like the Apple iPad. Even though publishers had hopes that iPad and other similar devices would finally push e-textbooks into the mainstream, so far, they have not.

The survey of some 1,200 students at four-year institutions, shows printed textbooks are still doing well, thanks in part, to a boom in rentals. Textbook rentals have doubled in just the past year, yielding an average \$127 savings per student.

The "Student Monitor" survey shows tablet computers, and especially the iPod, have seized the cash and imaginations of students. The iPad is now as popular with students as coffee. But beer still leads. Nearly half of the students reported being interested in purchasing a wireless reading device, with 70% of those students saying they had their eye on an iPad.

Issue: **Apple iPad Pilot Program Study at Oklahoma State University**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 10, 2011

Description: Several months ago on TBOOK, we reported about some previous studies of iPad usage in college classrooms. But this school year just completed, Oklahoma State University conducted its own iPad survey. Five sections of two courses across two colleges and two campuses participated in the "Apple iPad Pilot Program."

Oklahoma State now formally released the internal findings of its iPad Pilot Study, showing that the device did have a positive impact in an academic environment.

OSU President, Burns Hargis, said "We put this powerful and creative tool in the hands of faculty and students and the end results reached beyond enhancing the academic experience." President Hargis told us the report "outlines a possible decrease to student and administrative expenses, increased productivity, and how the iPad can cross between academic and personal barriers.

TBOOK spoke with several people who led or participated in the OSU study: Professor Bill Handy, School of Media and Strategic Communications; Dr. Tracy Suter, Professor of Marketing, Spears School of Business; Dr. Bobbi Kay Hooper, School of Media and Strategic Communications; plus Daniel Grossman, Senior; Jordan Parsons, Junioe; and Elizabeth Gorman, Senior.

Issue: **Students with Smartphones**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 10, 2011

Description: It's taken only the past decade for cell phones to become indispensable. Technological advances have turned the handheld devices into the so-called Smartphones, which are now being used as tools in schools all across the nation. and across the world. TBOOK gets some sample uses and applications of Smartphones in upstate New York.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **IT Etiquette in the Workplace**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 10, 2011

Description: This week's Academic Minute professor explains the new set of challenges information technology is posing to college graduates as they enter the workplace.

Matthew Randall is Executive Director of the Center for Professional Excellence at York College.

Issue: **Astrobiology Research and Education Series: Early Signs of Life in Ancient Rocks – Exploring the Potential of Apatite + Graphite Associations as Biosignatures in Precambrian Sedimentary Rocks**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 17, 2011

Description: Part One: What the Record Shows; Practical Applications for Present Day

The search for our origins spans the furthest most regions of a seemingly limitless universe. Scientists examine rocks from the Moon, other planets, meteorites, and asteroids. But as technology and scientific methods improve, ancient rocks from right here on Earth are revealing a history of our planet's development, and the evolution of life.

It's a story we'll begin unfolding in today's show. One of the country's leading researchers in this field is Dr. Dominic Papineau, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Boston College.

Dr. Papineau recently completed extensive post-doc work in this field as a Research Associate at the Geophysical Laboratory at the Carnegie Institution in Washington D.C.

Issue: **Academic Minute: Plant Evolutionary History**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: July 17, 2011

Description: Our previous story started the discussion on the evolution of life on Earth. Now, this week's Academic Minute professor uncovers the roots of plant evolution.

Dr. Victor Albert is the Empire Innovation Professor, University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: Astrobiology Research and Education Series: Early Signs of Life in Ancient Rocks – Exploring the Potential of Apatite + Graphite Associations as Biosignatures in Precambrian Sedimentary Rocks

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: July 24, 2011

Description: Part Two: Rocks and Meteorites, and How They Think to Earth's Origins of Life.

The NASA Astrobiology Institute has as one of its primary goals – research and education – especially when it comes to the origin, evolution, and distribution of life on early Earth.

Last week, we began the story of how astrobiologists are using phosphorous and graphite in ancient rocks from Earth's earliest history, to try and find signs of elements necessary to start life on this planet.

This week, we discover what we can learn from meteorites and rocks from other planets, and what they can teach us about our own origins.

Our TBOOK guest is one of this country's leading researchers in the field, Dr. Dominic Papineau, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Boston College. Dr. Pappineau recently completed extensive post-doc work in this field as a Research Associate at the Geophysical Laboratory at the Carnegie Institution in Washington, D.C.

Issue: The Academic Minute: Teaching Biology

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: July 24, 2011

Description: Our science theme continues. This week's Academic Minute professor explains how biology professors are altering their teaching methods to address the discipline's ever-expanding knowledge base.

Dr. Charlene D'Avanzo is Professor of Ecology, School of Natural Sciences, Hampshire College.

Issue: Ye Old Science

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: July 24, 2011

Description: To close our program, Rita Smith, curator of the historic Baldwin Collection of children's literature, looks at science books for young people from earlier centuries. Rita Smith is now retired Librarian Emeritus from the University of Florida's Center for Children's Literature.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: Education Secretary Duncan and President Obama Urge Congress to Replace NCLB this Summer

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: July 31, 2011

Description: A new analysis of high school graduation rates is just out from the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center, published by "Education Week." Completion rates are nearly 72% for the class of 2008, the most recent year data is available from the U.S. Department of Education. 72%, believe it or not, marks the highest level of graduation for the nation's public high schools since the 1980's.

Despite that progress, the analysis also projects that nearly 1.2 million students from this year's high school class will not graduate with a diploma. That amounts to 6,400 students lost each day of the year... or one student ever 27 seconds. On the plus side, it's estimated that about 143,000 fewer students dropped out of school than the previous year.

This was obviously on the mind of President Barack Obama when he spoke earlier this summer about a Memphis high school.

Issue: Michelle Rhee: Education Reform Advocate

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: July 31, 2011

Description: Our last story had the president at a high school graduation. Our next guest, Michelle Rhee, spoke at a college commencement. Rhee is the former Chancellor of Washington, D.C. schools, where she came to national attention for her dramatic measures to change the course of one of the country's lowest-performing public school systems.

Michelle Rhee left that position several months ago, and launched her own organization, Students First. It's described as a grassroots organization which advocates transformational change in public education by focusing on legislation and policy changes to benefit students before others.

Rhee is known as a strong vocal advocate for education reform, and she's here to tell you some of her story.

Issue: The Academic Minute: The Bilingual Brain

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: July 31, 2011

Description: This week's Academic Minute professor provides a glimpse into the inner workings of the bilingual mind.

Dr. Judith Kroll is the Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Linguistics, and Women's Studies, and Director of the Center for Language Science at Pennsylvania State University.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Documentary: "The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System – Part 1"**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 7, 2011

Description: Whether it's the economy, jobs, scandals, or partisan politics... education reform continues to falter in the United States.

So, a handful of top educators and entrepreneurs are moving forward on their own to produce and prove positive changes for American education.

Among these is Bob Compton, Executive Producer of a number of films documenting the need for change in how this country educates its children. His latest offering is titled, "The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System."

In this documentary, Compton collaborates with Dr. Tony Wagner, who co-directs the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Dr. Wagner has worked for more than 35 years in the field of school improvement. He's the author of the best-selling book "The Global Achievement Gap." Wagner is highly regarded as one of the leading thinkers on how American needs to completely re-design its K thru 12 education system to prepare U.S. children for 21st century global competition.

Issue: **The Typist: Teaching in Liberia**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 7, 2011

Description: We began our show comparing American education with that in Finland. Now, we turn our attention to another country which is on the other end of the educational spectrum.

In the struggling West African country of Liberia, a lot of commerce is done rather informally. That holds too for teaching and vocational training. It's being sold on the streets just like oranges, cold water, and sandals.

For TBOOK, reporter Nico Colombant sat down with a typing teacher who runs an outdoor school on the steps of an abandoned building in the dilapidated capital of Monrovia.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Sustainability and Business Education**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 7, 2011

Description: This week's Academic Minute professor explores the necessity of incorporating an environmental sustainability component into all business and public policy degrees.

Dr. Steven Cohen is Executive Director, Earth Institute and also directs the Master's program in Environmental Science and Policy at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Documentary: The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System – Part 2**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 14, 2011

Description: Education in Finland continues year after year to score first, or no worse than top three, when measured against all other countries using the same benchmark. This is the PISA, or Program for International Student Assessment, which comes from the OECD, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The exam is given to all 15-year olds around the world. U.S. students were in the middle of the pack for science and literacy, but below average in math. And this, even though according to the OECD, Finnish children spend the fewest numbers of hours in the classroom in the developed world. So how do they do it?

We begin to answer some of those questions with Bob Compton, Executive Producer of a new documentary called, "The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System."

In this documentary, Compton collaborates with Dr. Tony Wagner, who co-directs the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Dr. Wagner has worked for more than 35-years in the field of school improvement. He's the author of the best-selling book "The Global Achievement Gap." Wagner is highly regarded as one of the leading thinkers on how America needs to completely re-design its K-12 education system to prepare U.S. children for 21st century global competition.

Issue: **Charter Schools**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 14, 2011

Description: Our previous story mentioned charter schools. That topic often comes up when people talk about education reform. For example, Massachusetts is significantly increasing the number of charter schools in that state. This is all part of a Massachusetts education reform strategy to close achievement gaps, which are especially acute in urban school districts.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Girls & Violence**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 14, 2011

Description: This week's Academic Minute professor examines the underlying causes for a recent increase in violent behavior in schools among young girls.

Dr. Horace Hall is Associate Professor, College of Education's Department of Educational Policy Studies and Research and Founder and Co-Director R.E.A.L. – Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Leadership, a youth mentoring program.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Documentary: The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System – Part 3**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 21, 2011

Description: How many times have you heard this in the news or conversation? "Today's children cannot do math, can't read, talk, or write well either."

While America is among the fourth highest spenders on education, it's been ranked as low as 34th in education results.

A report, just released by the National Center on Education and the Economy, concludes that "the United States education system is neither coherent nor likely to see great improvement on its current attempts at reform."

Finland is the top country in the OECD-PISA tests we told listeners about last week. Even the U.S. Department of Education acknowledges the PISA is the international authority for high school level testing.

Finland preschool starts at age six, followed by nine years of compulsory basic education. Then from 9th or 10th grade, students go to upper secondary school, which is either a three-year vocational tract emphasizing trade skills, or a more academic tract. But either branch can lead to a university degree.

This brings us to the wrap up of our special three-part series on the documentary about the education system in Finland. We speak with Bob Compton, Executive Producer of "The Finland Phenomenon: Inside the World's Most Surprising School System." We talk about his film's importance to understanding education reform in America.

Issue: **Bill Nye "The Science Guy" and the Exploravision Annual Science Awards – "Bionic Auditory Prosthesis"**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 21, 2011

Description: Future scientists and inventors, those K through 12 students, envision a future where the world's energy may literally "grow on trees." Where blind and deaf people could regain their eyesight and hearing through bionic organ transplants. And soldiers would benefit from a new type of combat helmet to protect against life-threatening explosions.

These are just some of the winning projects announced this summer at the 19th annual Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision award program. TBOOK speaks with four students from the winning high school team, plus we talk with Bill Nye "The Science Guy." Students include Shane Moore, Agastya Mondal, Poojitha Shivaprasad, and Morgan Gruenewald from Hopewell Valley Central High School in Pennington, New Jersey.

Issue: **The Academic Minute: Science and Education Reform**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 21, 2011

Description: And while we're reporting on both science and education reform, this week's Academic Minute professor discusses a disagreement over reforms to science education in the U.S.

Dr. Bruce Tulloch is Associate Dean, School of Education, Union Graduate School.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Noted Research Professor and Author Remembers September 11, 2001: The Lost Soul of Higher Education**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 28, 2011

Description: The 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the United States is just a bit away. We wanted to use this opportunity to reflect on that time a decade ago... to remember the impact it had then... and continues to have today on education in America.

To begin our commemoration, we talk with Dr. Ellen Schrecker, Professor of History at Yeshiva University in New York City. She lived through that day in NYC, tells us about that, and relates how it has impacted academic freedom.

Issue: **Education Headlines & Updates**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 28, 2011

Description: This brings us to our Ward Churchill update. It seems appropriate in view of today's theme show, and comments just made by Dr. Ellen Schrecker.

You may recall the University of Colorado fired the tenured professor in the wake of controversial comments he made about the September 11th attacks. His comments opened the way to an investigation into scholarly misconduct that was the actual cause of his dismissal.

Churchill challenged that action in a state lawsuit. But after an initial jury ruling in his favor, a judge, and then an appeals panel, ruled against him.

As of this program's production date, Colorado's Supreme Court had agreed to hear Ward Churchill's appeal of those lower court rulings which upheld his 2007 firing. So, even ten years after 9/11, academia is still absorbing repercussions.

Issue: **Poetry for Students Post 9/11**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 28, 2011

Description: It's during times of uncertainty, like after the September 11th attacks, that parents and teachers search for ways to reassure children and students.

We found poetry could offer insight into the events of the fall of 2001.

TBOOK spoke about this with the editor of "Poetry Speaks", Rebekah Presson Mosby.

Issue: **The Lingering Effects of 9/11 on Campus**

Program: Best of Our Knowledge

Date: August 28, 2011

Description: There were 12-million students enrolled in college ten years ago, in the fall of 2001, when terrorists struck New York City and Washington D.C.

Just how were students impacted by September 11th? It turns out, that question, and others like it, were included in the 2001 "National Survey of Student Engagement," also known as NSSE.

Questions included: have you become more serious about your studies? Are you more interested in learning about other cultures? Are you more patriotic?

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Post 9/11: The Impact on Education of Military Families – The Folds of Honor Foundation**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: September 4, 2011

Description: Many Americans joined the military and went to war as a direct response to the terrorist attacks on the U.S. September 11, 2001.

Now, despite a new G-I Bill, and changes that are continually made to update it, hundreds of thousands of military family members are finding out they are not covered for educational benefits.

One veteran who is trying to change that and make a difference is Major Dan Rooney, and F-16 pilot, who have flown three tours in Iraq. Major Rooney started the Folds of Honor Foundation to provide education scholarships to thousands of needy students.

Issue: **Student Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders Assessed After September 11th**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: September 4, 2011

Description: This month marks the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. We remember that critical time, by reliving some of those benchmark moments in America's history, and in education. We'll hear what was said then, and reflect on some of what's happened since.

Post-traumatic stress disorder is always of major concern in times of crisis. The events of 9/11 represent classic textbook examples that cause many to feel stressed.

So how can parents talk with their children, and teachers with their students – to try and make them feel safer? What impact does stress have on things like homework and grades?

In this story from our TBOOK archives, we addressed those issues immediately following the terrorist attacks.

Issue: **The Academic Minute – Pi Day**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: September 4, 2011

Description: While we reflect on things from the past, this week's Academic Minute professor looks at the mathematical curiosity Pi causes, and how it's inspired an unofficial holiday.

Dr. C. Douglas Haessig is Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the University of Rochester.

Issue: **Confronting Challenges to Change**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: September 11, 2011

Description: During the months following September 11th, 2001, the media was flooded with reports and analysis. One full year later, in September, 2002, then U.S. Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, appeared before the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. for the secretary's traditional Back to School Address.

Dr. Paige's remarks, entitled "Confronting Challenges to Change", credited teachers and educators with being the "quiet heroes" on the front lines, providing safety and security for students. As classrooms resume this fall, and we honor the memory of September 11th, it's a message that deserves remembering and still rings true today.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **Back to School and the End of Summer**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: September 11, 2011

Description: Well, another Labor Day is in the history books, wrapping up yet another Summer break. In this guest essay, "Back to School and the End of Summer", Shelley Fraser Mickle remembers the last days of summer.

Issue: **Education and Disasters: Safe School Construction**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: September 11, 2011

Description: This month marks the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on the U.S. Whether disasters are natural, or manmade like 9/11, safe school construction can be critical to saving student's lives.

Natural disasters all over the world have claimed tens of thousands of children who's schools collapsed around them. Perhaps no building could have withstood the earth quake and tsunami that ravaged Northeastern Japan this year, but with proper planning, those schools might have been built in safer locations.

UNICEF Radio recently held a conference call discussion on natural disasters and school construction with: Kate Stohr, Co-founder of Architecture for Humanity and she co-edited the book "Design Like You Give A Damn"; Dr. Brian Tucker, Founder and President of GeoHazards International; and Dr. Gianfranco Rotigliano, UNICEF's Representative in Indonesia. They talked about building safer schools.

CATEGORY: EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Issue: **The Academic Minute – School Sports Concussions**
Program: Best of Our Knowledge
Date: September 11, 2011

Description: And while we reflect on 9/11 and building safer schools, going back to school also means returning to sports and athletics, which brings with it, its own inherent dangers.

The state of Colorado recently passed this nation's most inclusive youth concussion law. The law was inspired by a high school football player to died from Second Impact Syndrome.

After that young football player's death, Dr. Karen McAvoy, then the school psychologist, brought together medical professionals, teachers, counselors, coaches, and athletic trainers to create a team dedicated to future concussion management.

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Dr. Edward Stander is Professor of Astronomy, Geology, and Environmental Science and Technology at the State University of New York, Cobleskill.

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You may recall the University of Colorado fired the tenured professor in the wake of controversial comments he made about the September 11th attacks. His comments opened the way to an investigation into scholarly misconduct that was the actual cause of his dismissal.

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Jenny Stein is a co-founder of Tribe of Heart and a filmmaker. Tribe of Heart is also very involved in an effort to stop the slaughter of deer in her home community in Ithaca, NY. Find out more at tribeofheart.org.

The Kingdom of Bhutan is a small country with big mountains and ancient Buddhist traditions. It's tucked up against the Himalayas between India and China. Bhutan is known for its policy of "gross national happiness," a way of measuring quality of life in non-economic violence. This is something the queen of Bhutan finds unacceptable and she has set out to change people's behavior one pretty strenuous step at a time. Stephanie Guyer-Stevens of Outer Voices reports.

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A few years ago, no one knew what hydrofracking was, Yet it had already begun in many states. Hydraulic fracturing is relatively new technology that allows access to pockets of natural gas deep within shale deposits – gas that was just too expensive to extract until now. But fracking has brought an economic boom to areas on top of that shale; places like Texas and Pennsylvania were some of the earliest hosts of the new energy boom. But that process has a dark side with dangers to drinking water from the chemicals used in the process, and reports of increased earthquake activity in areas where fracking is done. The movie Gasland, with its documentation of tap water that catches fire, fueled the debate. And New York, which sits on top of two major shale deposits, is in the midst of deciding whether to give fracking a green light. Dr. Sharon Ufberg says it's an issue that her state of California is concerned about, too.

And finally, we're all aware that women have, historically, made less than men. And they usually make far less over their lifetime because of family obligations. Personal finance expert Manisha Thakor says there's a consequence to that that we seldom consider – the impact on a woman's senior years.

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Jenny Stein is a co-founder of Tribe of Heart and a filmmaker. Tribe of Heart is also very involved in an effort to stop the slaughter of deer in her home community in Ithaca, NY. Find out more at tribeofheart.org.

The Kingdom of Bhutan is a small country with big mountains and ancient Buddhist traditions. It's tucked up against the Himalayas between India and China. Bhutan is known for its policy of "gross national happiness," a way of measuring quality of life in non-economic violence. This is something the queen of Bhutan finds unacceptable and she has set out to change people's behavior one pretty strenuous step at a time. Stephanie Guyer-Stevens of Outer Voices reports.

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Coming up, promoting green businesses for low-income women... and profiles of two more tough women.

Housecleaning can be steady work even in a tough economy – but the chemicals most professional cleaners use can be hard on their health. But there's a program that focuses on making low income women independent – and promotes environmentally friendly business. It's called WAGES – and it's not only good for women's wallets, it's better for their health. Producer Tena Rubio has the story.

And finally, Florence Sabin opened doors for many women in medicine... but being the first to step through them. Gilles Malkine has more.

Gilles Malkine is a musician and writer. This is part of an ongoing series on women in history... if you're interested in finding out more about Dr. Florence Sabin, go to the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame website at cogreatwomen.org.

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Colleges across the country are looking for more sustainable energy sources. In Florida, Miami University relies on its coal plant... and it wants to change that. The question is – what will replace it? Miami U student Annie Srsen has more on a student group called Beyond Coal and the school's efforts to plan for the future.

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